



By the King.

• A Proclamation against transportation of Corne and Graine.



Orasmuch as Wee see apparantly, that there is already great scarcitie of Corne and Graine of all sorts, and the same growen to very high rates and prices; And the weather also hath long bene, and still continueth so strange and vnseasonable, as it giueth no hope of amendment, But rather is like much to impaire the Fruits of the earth that are to be expected of the next yeere; So as the poore must needs suffer extreame want, and the better sort also finde it heauy and chargeable vnto them, except it please GOD to deale mercifully with vs: And therefore wisdom requireth, That all meanes be vsed to preuent as well Exportation of Corne and Graine out of the Kingdome, as vnnecessary waste and consumption thereof at home. Wee therefore (whose cares watch ouer Our people to preserve them from all inconueniences, Although wee are not ignorant that this height of price groweth more out of the greedy countousnes of Buyers and Houlders of Corne, then out of the want or dearth thereof;) And though also the price of all kinde of Graines be, and for some good time past hath bene such, as no Transportation thereof can lawfully be made by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme; Yet to the end that the world may take knowledge of Our extraordinary care in this behalfe, and that no man haue hope to escape punishment, if he offend from hencefoorth in this case; WE doe by this Our Proclamation straitly charge and command all and singular Our Subjects, and other persons whatsoeuer, That they nor any of them presume to cary or conuey out of this Realme, directly or indirectly, any wheat, Rye, Barly, Malt, Dates, Pease, Beanes, Fetches, Bucke, or any Corne or Graine whatsoeuer, or the Meale or Flower thereof, vpon paine of Our heauy displeasure, and of such imprisonment, and other punishments, as vpon the contemners of Our Royall commandement in so waighty and important causes, are and ought to be inflicted.

And We doe likewise hereby as straitly charge and command all Our Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Waitours, and other the Ministers of Our Ports, And the Farmours of Our Customes and Subsidies, and all other persons whatsoeuer, That they suffer no such Corne, Graine, Meale or Flower, as aforesaid, to be conueyed or caried out of this Realme; But shall hinder and stop the same, if they haue meanes so to doe; Or else shall presently vpon knowledge thereof, complaine and giue knowledge of it to some principall Officers, to the end it be prevented, Vpon paine likewise of such punishments as are due to them that neglect Our Royall Commaundement.

Giuen at Newmarket the xix. of Ianuary, in the tenth yeere of Our Reigne  
of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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